

# Microsoft Copilot readiness workshop



## Ensure Microsoft Copilot readiness by maturing data governance

The adoption of Microsoft Copilot and AI-powered assistants can accelerate productivity. But without mature data governance, these tools introduce significant risk. Unmanaged access, inconsistent control over sensitive data, and unclear policy enforcement can lead to regulatory exposure and undermine trust in generative AI.

To address these risks and unlock Copilot's full value, GDT recommends following a structured data governance maturity journey. This staged approach provides a clear roadmap, guiding teams from initial stakeholder alignment and foundational controls all the way to advanced, automated governance practices tailored for AI-powered environments.

Kick off your journey with a **Microsoft Copilot readiness workshop**. During this half-day workshop, we'll review your organization's current data governance controls, Copilot readiness, and any gaps mapped against a maturity model. The final deliverable will be a phased, prioritized roadmap with practical next steps, quick wins, and longer-term initiatives to advance data governance maturity for Copilot.

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The Microsoft Copilot readiness workshop serves as the initial step toward adopting a proven data governance maturity model tailored for enterprise Microsoft Copilot deployments. It aims to help organizations gain visibility, control, and confidence in how data flows within their Microsoft 365 ecosystem. Our Envisioning Workshop helps your organization chart the optimal path toward data governance maturity, turning ambition into an actionable strategy.

### Workshop agenda

**Readiness assessment:** Analyze current governance programs and technical controls specific to Copilot scenarios, including data discovery, sensitivity labeling, access management, and compliance policy mapping.

**Benchmark and prioritize:** Identify maturity gaps that impact Copilot usage, comparing your posture to best practices and Microsoft compliance requirements for data privacy and responsible AI.

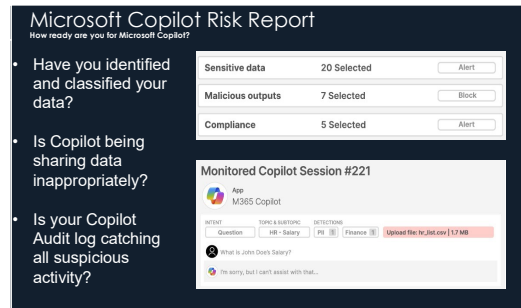
**Build a practical roadmap:** Develop actionable steps to elevate data governance across Microsoft 365—defining roles, technical controls, and AI guardrails that reduce Copilot risk and unlock trusted productivity.

**Operationalize controls:** Support rollout of policy automation, monitoring, and continuous improvement tuned to Copilot's unique data interaction patterns.

### Workshop deliverables

**Executive summary report:** This report provides a concise overview of key findings, agreed-upon objectives, and primary risks and opportunities relating to Copilot data governance maturity.

**Copilot risk report:** This report highlights the critical need to identify and classify sensitive data before deploying Copilot to prevent inappropriate data sharing and ensure policy compliance. The dashboard demonstrates real-time monitoring capabilities, flagging sensitive data exposures, malicious outputs, and compliance issues for administrative action. Detailed session logs help verify whether Copilot audit trails are effectively detecting and blocking suspicious or unauthorized data access attempts.



**Stakeholder alignment matrix:** This matrix visually maps out stakeholder roles, responsibilities, and ownership for governance and Copilot adoption across business, IT, and compliance teams.

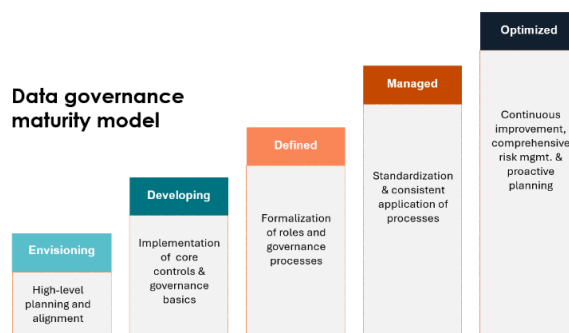
**Current state summary:** This summary overviews your organization's current data governance controls, Copilot readiness, and any gaps mapped against a maturity model.

**Envisioned future state:** Achieve a clearly articulated vision statement and target maturity outcomes, serving as the strategic north star for Copilot governance.

**Maturity roadmap and action plan:** A phased, prioritized roadmap with practical next steps, quick wins, and longer-term initiatives to advance data governance maturity for Copilot.

## The maturity model advantage

By applying a data governance maturity model to Microsoft Copilot, organizations gain a clear roadmap for scaling AI securely, bridging the gap between innovation and risk management while empowering teams to use Copilot to its fullest, without fear of compliance shortfalls.



### Why mature data governance for Microsoft Copilot

- **Reduce AI data risk:** Prevent unauthorized access, data leaks, and unintentional generative outputs that expose sensitive information.
- **Ensure compliance:** Align Copilot adoption with frameworks like GDPR, HIPAA, and internal privacy policies.
- **Enable responsible AI:** Leverage structured, auditable governance to support trustworthy and explainable Copilot outputs.

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